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Expenditure and Revenue Summary

As of September 30, 2021, revenues during the three (3) month period from July-September were trending above the target percentage. The County's actual revenues through September were at 38.75% of budget. At this same time last year, the County had received and booked 36.06% of its amended budget revenue. As of September 2019, the County had received 37.0% of its amended budget revenue.

The County's expenditures through September are trending ahead of the target percentage at 28.60%. At this same time last fiscal year, the County had expended 27.42% of its amended budget. In FY 19-20, the County had expended 28.53% of the amended budget.

The County's fund balance available for appropriation as of September 30 was at 61.42% of expenditures. Fund balance at this same time last fiscal year was at 48.93%. In FY 19-20, the fund balance as a percentage of expenditures as of September 30 was at 49.99%.

The County's General Fund cash position as of September 2021 was \$51.80 million. This figure is \$9.38 million (22%) higher than September 2020 and \$24.9 million (93%) higher than September 2019.

The County's group health insurance fund continues to trend ahead of the budget target. As of September 30, revenues exceeded expenses by approximately \$330,500.

The County's utility Enterprise Funds (e.g. water and sewer) continue to demonstrate mixed results as compared to this same time period last fiscal year. The Enterprise Funds often reflect a deficit the first couple months of the fiscal year due to the large worker's comp and general liability insurance premium payments paid in full each July as well as lagging revenue from prior months billing.

Utility Projects Update

Below are several updates related to various utility capital projects:

Palestine Booster Pump Station

The NJR Group recently installed the replacement check valves, and the project is effectively complete. The Golden LEAF Foundation contributed \$500,000 toward the completion of this project.

West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant 1.2 MGD Upgrade

The project is scheduled to be complete on December 17, 2021. All remaining equipment to be installed is on-site. The project budget is still in favorable condition. Only \$88,000 of the \$350,000 budgeted for contingency has been spent due to change orders.

West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant 2.5 MGD Expansion

The Wooten Company is finalizing the preliminary engineering report as well as the initial cost estimates.

Utility staff have been meeting with the impacted municipalities regarding the system development fee studies the County would like to do for them so they have a mechanism to pay their share of the debt service.

Phase 4 – Water & Sewer Authority Project

35% of the final design and construction drawings are complete. It is anticipated 65% of the design will be complete by the end of December 2021. Easement acquisition will commence in early 2022.

Bost Road Water Main Extension

The project was recently re-bid. The low bid amount for the project is \$312,365. This bid amount is approximately \$112,000 more than anticipated when the project was authorized. Thus, a budget amendment will be required by the BOCC on 11/1/21. Supply chain issues may hinder the project, but it is anticipated to commence in the next 30-60 days.